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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR SHELTON

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SUBJECT: QUITO MFM - CONSULTATION WITH NICARAGUA

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APPRECIATE YOUR TELEGRAM. PRESIDENT-ELECT SOMOZA ADVISED ME TODAY THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL TO CAREFULLY OBSERVE RESULTS OF LA CAUCUS AND IF CENTRAL AMERICAN VOTES WERE ALL AFFIRMATIVE ON LIFTING OF SANCTIONS HE (MONTIEL) SHOULD ABSTAIN. IF THERE WERE OTHER NEGATIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN VOTES TO LIFTING OF SANCTIONS IN CAUCUS, NICARAGUA SHOULD VOTE NO. SOMOZA SAID FURTHER THAT AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SECASA WAS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT NICARAGUA MIGHT FIND ITSELF ISOLATED IN ITS POSITION IN RELATION TO OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES. SOMOZA FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF LONG HISTORY OF CASTRO CUBA'S RELATIONS WITH NICARAGUA IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY.

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